(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to ratify the International convention on the protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken for its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Government of India has signed the International Convention on the rights for Persons with disabilities on the 30th March, 2007. Provisions of the convention are implemented by the Central Government Ministries, State Governments/UT Administration and monitored through Central Coordination Committee and Central Executive Committee set up under the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995.

Attempts to limit reservations

3468. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any attempt to limit the social reservations granted to various sections of the society;

(b) if so, whether steps will be taken to protect the reservation granted to scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes as on date;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Implementation of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship scheme

3469. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state: